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## THE FIRST PRAYER IN CON- GRESS.

In Thatcher's Military Journal, under  
date of December, 1777, is a note contain-  
ing the first prayer in Congress, made by  
Rev. Jacob Duché, rector of Christ Church,  
a gentleman of learning and eloquence,  
who subsequently proved traitorous to the  
cause of Independence:

O Lord our heavenly Father, high and  
mighty King of kings and Lord of lords,  
who dost behold all the dwellers on earth,  
and reignest with power supreme and un-  
controlled over all the kingdoms, empires  
and governments; look down in mercy, we  
beseech Thee, on these American States,  
who have fled to Thee from the rod of the  
oppressor, and thrown themselves on Thy  
gracious protection, desiring henceforth to  
be dependent only on Thee; to Thee they  
have appealed for the righteousness of their  
causes; to Thee do they now look up for  
that countenance and support which Thou  
alone canst give; take them, therefore, heav-  
enly Father, under Thy nurturing care; give  
them wisdom in council, and valor in the  
field; defeat the malicious designs of our  
cruel adversaries; convince the wicked of the  
righteousness of their cause; and if they  
still persist in their sanguinary purposes,  
O let the voice of Thine own unerring jus-  
tice, sounding in their hearts, constrain  
them to drop the weapons of war from their  
unwieldy hands on the day of battle. Be  
Thou present, O God of Wisdom, and di-  
rect the councils of this honorable assem-  
bly; enable them to settle things on the  
best and sure foundation; that the scene of  
blood may be speedily closed, that order,  
harmony, and peace may be effectually re-  
stored, and truth and justice, religion and  
piety, prevail and flourish among the peo-  
ple. Preserve the health of their bodies,  
and the vigor of their minds; shower down  
on them and the millions they have repre-  
sented, such temporal blessings as Thou deem-  
est expedient for them in this world, and  
crown them with everlasting glory in the  
world to come. All this we ask in the  
name and through the merits of Jesus  
Christ, thy Son, our Saviour. Amen!

"How do you like the character of St.  
Paul?" asked a parson of his landlady one  
day during a conversation about the old  
apostles and the apostles. "Ah!" said she,  
"he was a good, clever old soul, I know;  
for he once said, you know, that we must  
eat what is set before us, and ask no ques-  
tions for conscience' sake. I always thought  
I should like him for a boarder."

A newspaper article asks: "What  
are the causes of decline among American  
women?" Well, generally because the  
fellow cannot keep her in sealskin socks,  
French gowns, and fashionable bonnets,  
when a single man with plenty of "soap"  
is around, there is not any decline among  
American women to speak of.

The Emperor of Brazil has transmitted  
to the French Academy a note of M.  
Craze upon the time of Jupiter's rotation.  
The sharpness of outline and the bright  
color of the brown spot which been so  
long visible enabled him to deduce from  
nearly 1,100 rotations a period of 8h, 55m,  
38s.

Look at life as it is; not a dream, but a  
living reality; not a brief sojourn, but a  
continued existence. Every act casts its  
shadow upon the future. Every thought  
is a link binding time to eternity. Every  
moment is a seed whose gathering shall be  
our immortal destiny.

A debating society is wrestling with the  
question: "When a man has his life insur-  
ed for one hundred thousand dollars, is his  
wife justified in refusing to prepare a mus-  
tard plaster for him when he is seized with  
a sudden and severe attack of the cramps?"

"Amantha," he murmured with pathos  
in his voice, "why do you quiver at my  
touch?" "Why do you shrink from my  
embraces as the startled fawn trembles at the  
rustling of the Autumn leaves?" "I've  
been vaccinated," she said.

The number of shingles made in the  
North-west last year was \$2,912,912,180.  
It is estimated that between \$60,000,000  
and 1,000,000,000 feet of logs are yearly  
made into shingles in this country.

Many persons who rake through another's  
character with a fine-tooth comb, to discov-  
er a fault, could find one with far less trou-  
ble by going over their own character with  
a rake.

A Chicago paper says that a man who  
marries a girl with a good musical voice  
will have more cause for misery and jealousy  
than the one who marries for beauty.

Every lady should belong to an archery  
club, as skill in drawing a bow is very use-  
ful.

We are the most paradoxical creatures.  
We use blotting paper to keep from blotting  
paper.

The road to ruin is always kept in good  
order, and those who travel it pay the ex-  
penses.

The man who pays cash for whisky, and  
gets credit for groceries, won't find a com-  
mittee waiting for him at the celestial gate.

Josh Billings says that the man who gets  
bit twice by the same dog is better adapted  
for that kind of business than any other.

The man who has no time for private im-  
provement is not a safe guide in public im-  
provements.

People do not like to acknowledge they  
are poor, except to book agents.

## THE PROPER DINNER HOUR.

A good deal of attention has lately been  
attracted by a declaration made in a paper  
devoted to the study of proper food for  
man, that good health could only be secured  
by taking a hearty meal at midday. The  
writer went on to say that it was better for  
business men to take time for a substantial  
meal at midday than to snatch the hasty  
lunch that is usual, for the latter proceed-  
ing was simply inviting fate. This opinion  
attracted the attention of some of our morn-  
ing contemporaries, who seemed to agree  
with it. Therefore, a Commercial reporter  
was sent on a tour among well-known phys-  
icians of this city, to ascertain whether it  
is advisable and healthful for active, push-  
ing men to stop in the midst of their day's  
work and consume a hearty meal. The  
majority of those spoken to laughed at the  
theory thus propounded. An eminent phys-  
ician living in the upper part of the city  
said that the reason why a heavy midday  
meal would be injurious, while the evening  
dinner was really healthy, was that business  
and professional men were generally in-  
such a hurry in the middle of the day that  
they could not spare time to masticate the  
food they ate, much less allow it to digest,  
before rushing again to their work. He  
had visited restaurants in the lower part of  
the city between 12 and 1 o'clock in the day,  
and had seen respectable men grabbing and  
swallowing food the same as hogs at a  
trough. This method of eating was decid-  
edly unhealthy, and it would be far better  
if they would merely nibble a hard cracker  
during the middle of the day, for they  
would have to masticate that and take a  
little time over it. It was far healthier, in  
his opinion, for professional men to dispose  
of a hearty breakfast, say from 7 to 8 o'clock  
in the morning, eat lightly during the mid-  
dle of the day, and then take time to their  
dinner after the day's labors were over. A  
dinner about 5 or 6 o'clock, eaten slowly  
and enjoyed amid pleasant family surround-  
ings, interspersed with cheerful conversa-  
tion, was far more productive of health than  
all the midday meals which could be thought  
of. A heavy midday meal would unfit pro-  
fessional men for carrying on any business  
in the afternoon, as it would make them  
heavy and sleepy, for Nature requires some  
kind of repose to aid digestion.

Another well-known physician said the  
system of eating in this country was ridi-  
culous, as any person of common sense would  
see. The majority of persons thrust three  
heavy meals into about ten hours, and leave  
the body without a fresh supply of food for  
the remaining fourteen hours of the day and  
night. He thought two good meals, morn-  
ing and evening, would be the proper plan,  
with perhaps, a light lunch or cracker and  
a glass of wine at about 1 o'clock in the  
day. This would allow both of the heavy  
meals an opportunity to digest before the  
next was taken. As to a heavy midday  
meal for men who have to tear around as  
if the next moment were to be their last it  
is perfectly ridiculous, as the food, instead  
of digesting and forming blood, muscle and  
brain would act as a block to those forces of  
nature—chocking up a sewer, as it were.

Other physicians expressed similar opin-  
ions, the same ideas being given only in  
different phrases and modes of expression.  
—Cincinnati Commercial.

## A Cheyenne Romance.

A young woman, who is described as "one  
of the loveliest and most accomplished  
daughters of Cheyenne," while riding thro'  
the streets of that lively city a few months  
ago, was thrown violently from her horse.  
A Spanish lad sprang from the lamp-post,  
against which he had been leaning and en-  
deavored to prevent the accident, but the  
only assistance that he could render was to  
lift the lady from the ground and bear her  
into a neighboring house. Then, sighing  
for further sight of the fair one, the youth  
resumed his duty at the lamp-post. As for  
the young woman, she sustained an annoy-  
ing injury. It was nothing less than the  
fracture of one of her front teeth. The  
delicate pearl that flashed through "lips  
within whose rosy labyrinth when she smiled  
the soul was lost," was hopelessly crush-  
ed. Beauty in distress appealed to art; the  
young woman went to the dentist, who  
promised to search high and low for a pearl  
of the proper size and brilliancy. The  
search was made faithfully, but not until  
the dentist saw a young Spaniard leaning  
against a lamp-post did he find the covet-  
ed prize. The youth gladly sold one of his  
teeth for \$100, offering all his stock in trad-  
e at the same terms. The tooth was submit-  
ted to proper treatment and the young  
horsewoman appeared at a ball the follow-  
ing evening apparently none the worse for  
the accident. But with a woman's curios-  
ity, she would have given her head to know  
whence came the tooth. Time passed.—  
The Spaniard made a fortunate purchase of  
stock with his \$100, and not only began to  
patronize the tailor, but indulged in a bank  
account. One evening last week chance  
threw him into a select little party, where  
the fair rider happened to be present, and  
he related his dental adventure. When he  
smiled and pointed to the vacant place in  
his mouth the young lady gave a little  
shriek. Her secret was discovered, and  
now the Cheyenne and Denver papers an-  
nounce that the Spaniard will get his tooth  
back at the altar on the 25th of this month.

## Gov. Yates' Theater Speech.

Ah, that Dick Yates was a wonderful  
man. I was in New York with him on  
railway business at one time, and during  
the evening we were sauntering down Broad-  
way. Dick had been taking considerable  
wine—not enough to intoxicate him, but  
just enough to make him surprisingly bril-  
liant and reckless. He was dressed with  
exquisite taste and had his hair, which was  
so luxuriant, "done up" by a barber in fine  
style. We had tickets to the theater, but  
as we got near the place I suddenly lost  
Dick in the crowd. I was peering about  
for him, when I saw him ahead of me going  
into the theater. He had lost his hat and  
his hair had blown carelessly about his face  
and forehead. I rushed after him and got  
inside just as he went marching down the  
middle aisle, hatless, hat erect and hand-  
some. His appearance was a magnificent  
attention, and there was a long follow-  
ed by applause. At that the Governor bowed  
with all the grace of a Chesterfield. Then  
there was more applause, and directly  
some one in the circle above threw a bou-  
quet toward him, which fell at his feet.  
This elicited a roar and the play stopped.  
He picked up the bouquet, bowed once more  
and then began a little speech, which was  
actually the finest thing I ever heard on  
earth. It was an apology for his appear-  
ance and a compliment to the beautiful  
women and brave men he saw around him.  
When he got through and sat down the  
house rang with cheers, and though no one  
knew who he was they recognized instan-  
tly that a gentleman and a statesman was  
before them. "Dick," said I, when we  
got to the hotel, "I would give a hundred  
dollar bill to have the speech exactly as  
you made it to-night." "I don't know











